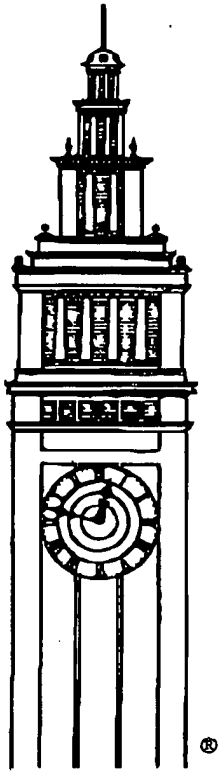


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Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report (ESR) dated 16 February 1994. The ESR was originally submitted to the PTO on March 30, 1994 along with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on that same date. The ESR is cited in the IDS as providing a statement of the relevance of item AR, which is a German-language reference.

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In addition, Applicant clarifies that the listing of the reference AQ on the IDS is correct. In particular, the Examiner indicated in a telephone conversation with the undersigned on September 11, 1995 that the portion of the listing "Adaptive transform coding with an adaptive block size (ATC-ABS)" is extraneous. However, it is noted that this phrase is the title of the paper cited in reference AQ, contained *within* the ICASSP 90 report listed therein.

Finally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to retransmit to Applicant the PTO-1449 submitted with the March 30, 1994 IDS. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate consideration of all the references listed thereon (i.e., AA, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, and AR). The Examiner is requested to transmit the PTO-1449 by facsimile to (415) 433-8716 due to the imminence of the issue fee due date.

The undersigned appreciates the Examiner Bocuré's help in this matter. If any questions or concerns remain after Examiner Bocuré has reviewed this communication, Examiner Bocuré is requested to contact the undersigned at (415) 433-4150.

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